

Application No. 10/563,996  
Amendment Dated August 23, 2007  
Reply to Office Action of July 24, 2007

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated July 24, 2007, claims 23-43 were subjected to a restriction requirement wherein the Examiner required Applicant to select between three different groups of invention. In response, Applicant has elected Group 1, and has withdrawn the claims of Groups 2 and 3 as being directed toward non-elected inventions.

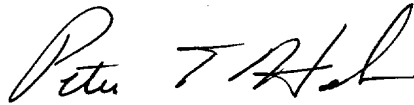
Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary indicates that claims 1-44 are pending. This is incorrect. Claims 1-22 were previously cancelled in Applicant's Preliminary Amendment dated January 9, 2006.

Examination on the merits of the claims of Group 1 is accordingly requested.

Applicant notes that the election is made without prejudice to Applicant's rights to file at least one divisional application on the non-elected subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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